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**Design and Access Hearings to be held for the realignment of a portion of the North Spokane Corridor (US 395) – Lincoln Road Vicinity to Hawthorne Road Vicinity**

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is in the preliminary design phase for the realignment of a short portion of the North Spokane Corridor (US 395). As a part of that process, the Department will hold a Design Hearing and Limited Access Hearing on the project.

These hearings focus only on the realignment section of the North Spokane Corridor from Lincoln Road Vicinity to Hawthorne Road Vicinity. The design includes county road improvements and a new six-lane highway. At this time construction funding has not yet been appropriated for this project, however when additional funding becomes available the Department will be able to proceed with final design work and commence with construction.

The hearings will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2002 at Mead Middle School, located at 12509 North Market Street.

Two hearings will take place on this day. The design hearing will start at 3:30 p.m. in an open house format for all interested parties to attend. The Department will be presenting the final design recommendations for this portion of the corridor. Citizens are encouraged to come and review the plans and environmental documents, discuss the material presented and make comments to the official record. This portion of the hearing will last until 5:30 p.m.

The Limited Access hearing will follow at 6:00 p.m. This is a formal hearing with an Administrative Law Judge directing the proceedings. Plans will be presented by Department staff with regards to limiting access for this portion of the proposed US 395 North Spokane Corridor. Affected property owners are then invited to make comments directly into record. This portion of the hearing will last until all affected properties have been addressed. A court recorder will be present to document the oral comments. Written comments are to be returned within 10 days of the hearing. By law, all comments will be addressed and incorporated into the final documents of the project.

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